Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 23 Mar 2021 at 11:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a showery few days and for brief period of much colder weather on Friday. Lower confidence on day to day shower details.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021: Bright spells and a few wintry showers. More frequent showers early evening with snow above 600m. Very cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	30%	10%	10%	20%	20%	60%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Weather: Mainly dry, bright morning and much of afternoon with sunny spells and a few wintry showers. A band of more frequent and heavier showers will cross all parts later in afternoon and early evening with snow above about 600m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% reducing 30% later in afternoon.

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in very good visibility away from showers. There will be occasional cloud cover above about 700 to 800m. Later in the afternoon, the clouds will become more extensive and lowering, especially in west of area. Also patches of very poor visibility as wintry showers pass by.

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Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/52 SW	35/47 SW	31/42 SW	27/37 SW	24/36 SW	31/44 SW	31/43 SW	31/43 SW	31/44 SW
900	36/47 SW	33/44 SW	28/37 SW	24/34 SW	22/32 SW	29/42 SW	29/40 SW	28/39 SW	28/39 SW
600	25/36 SW	22/32 SW	18/27 SW	18/28 SW	18/28 SW	22/35 SW	20/31 SW	20/32 SW	18/30 SW
300	14/31 SW	11/26 SW	11/24 SW	12/25 SW	13/27 SW	16/34 SW	14/30 SW	13/29 SW	11/27 SW
Glen	6/25 SW	5/22 SW	5/20 SW	6/21 SW	8/23 SW	9/27 SW	6/24 SW	7/24 SW	6/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-15	-5/-14	-5/-14	-5/-14	-4/-12	-3/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13
900	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-9	-1/-8	0/-8	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-9
600	2/-5	1/-5	0/-6	1/-5	2/-4	3/-3	1/-5	1/-5	2/-4
300	3/-1	3/-2	2/-2	4/0	6/2	6/2	4/-1	3/-1	3/-1
Glen	3/0	2/-0	2/-0	5/2	7/4	8/4	5/1	4/0	3/0
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m	700m	700m	700m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winter-like conditions over higher ridges/summits. Strong winds and sub-zero temperatures making it feel bitterly cold.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Weather: It will be another day of dry and bright weather for much of the time but passing showers coming across from the west. The showers are most likely to occur towards Creag Meagaidh and Ben Alder later in the afternoon and evening with the odd heavier one possible, Showers falling as rain at most levels.

Maximum wind: Strong to gale force southwest winds on the tops, average speeds of 30mph and gusts 45 to 50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% reducing 40% by evening.

Visibility: Very good away from any showers so with some cloud cover about 700 to 800m. This will become more extensive near to showers, especially late afternoon and evening with patches of poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m rising to 1200m.

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